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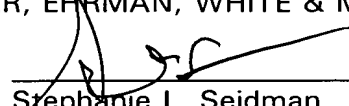
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English language Derwent abstracts. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed item is necessary.

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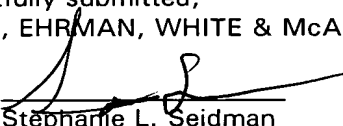
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